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IO-FOR ASST SECY MAYNES ONLY

WHITE HOUSE FOR HAMILTON JORDAN

PA-FOR HODDING CARTER

FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO

SUBJ: EC-9 TO DELIVER LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: (A) GENEVA 7299 (B) GENEVA 7684

1. I HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR THAT THE LETTER FROM THE EC-9 TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE ILO IS BEING SENT TO THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 12. IT WILL PROBABLY BE DELIVERED ON THE 13TH, THE ORIGINAL COPY GOING DIRECTLY TO THE WHITE HOUSE, WITH A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, WE ARE TRANSMITTING BY SEPTTEL A DRAFT COPY OF THE LETTER AS IT WAS AGREED UPON BY THE EC-9 REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA. THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMS US THAT SOME SMALL CHANGES MIGHT

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HAVE BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY MADE, BUT HE DOUBTS THIS WILL HAVE BEEN THE CASE. WE RECOMMEND THAT A PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE BE DRAFTED BASED UPON THE TEXT SENT SPTEL (REF. B), BUT WE STRESS THAT THIS SHOULD BE FINALLY CHECKED AGAINST THE ACTUAL LETTER AT THE TIME OF ITS RECEIPT.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR EARLIER CABLES, WE HOPE AND HAVE TENTATIVELY INDICATED TO THE BELGIAN MISSION THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WILL MAKE THE EC-9 LETTER PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS DELIVERY. WE WOULD URGENTLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE DONE BY MEANS OF A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT (A) PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE EC-9 LETTER AND (B) PROMISING TO STUDY ALL THE POINTS CONTAINED THEREIN WITH CARE. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS SO THAT WE, IN TURN, CAN KEEP OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS IN GENEVA FULLY INFORMED.

4. ASSUMING THAT THE FOREGOING DEVELOPS AS WE HAVE OUTLINED, WE ARE INFORMED THAT TINDEMANS WOULD PROBABLY MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT REITERATING THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE EC-9 ATTACHES TO CONTINUED U.S. MEMBERSHIP FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER WASHINGTON ANTICIPATES ANY PROBLEM WITH FOREGOING VANDEN HEUVEL

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